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Dear Provider:

Complete the 2021 prescription volume attestation survey by **January 29, 2021**.

## How do I complete the survey?

You can complete the survey online or use a Microsoft Excel spreadsheet that can be submitted via email or fax.

To complete the survey online, go to <a href="https://survey.mercer.com/WI2021Attest.aspx">https://survey.mercer.com/WI2021Attest.aspx</a> and use the following secure individual login information:

- Login username: «Username»
- Randomly generated password: «Password»

To complete the survey using a Microsoft Excel spreadsheet, download the spreadsheet from the Annual Prescription Volume Attestation Resources page of the ForwardHealth Portal at <a href="https://www.forwardhealth.wi.gov/WIPortal/content/provider/medicaid/pharmacy/apva/index.htm.spage">https://www.forwardhealth.wi.gov/WIPortal/content/provider/medicaid/pharmacy/apva/index.htm.spage</a>, or request a copy of the spreadsheet by emailing <a href="mailto:CODSurvey@mercer.com">CODSurvey@mercer.com</a>.

Completed spreadsheet surveys may be submitted through one of the following ways:

- Email to CODSurvey@mercer.com
- Fax to 612-642-8686, Attn: Kerry Marshall

Providers with multiple locations are required to attest for each location individually. The Microsoft Excel spreadsheet survey enables providers to submit a single survey document for multiple locations.

#### Who needs to complete the survey?

Providers who submit claims to ForwardHealth with National Drug Codes **are required** to attest to their annual prescription volume using the survey.

## Why do I need to complete the survey?

Effective for dates of service on and after April 1, 2017, ForwardHealth revised its pharmacy reimbursement policy, including implementing a professional dispensing fee reimbursement rate structure based on a provider's annual prescription volume, according to the federal Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services' Covered Outpatient Drug Final Rule (CMS-2345-FC). ForwardHealth uses the prescription volume information submitted in the attestation survey to assign providers the appropriate professional dispensing fee reimbursement rate.

## What happens next?

Providers will be notified of their rate assignments in March 2021. The new professional dispensing fee reimbursement rate assignments will be effective for dates of service on and after April 1, 2021.

If a provider does not submit a survey by **January 29, 2021**, ForwardHealth will assign that provider the lowest professional dispensing fee reimbursement rate.

**Note:** Information collected through this survey will remain confidential. Neither the Wisconsin Department of Health Services nor Mercer, a health care consulting firm, will release or otherwise make public any information that names and/or discloses the business, financial, personnel, or other information provided by providers in the course of completing this survey.

## **Ouestions?**

- Visit the Annual Prescription Volume Attestation Resources page of the Portal at <a href="https://www.forwardhealth.wi.gov/WIPortal/content/provider/medicaid/pharmacy/apva/index.htm.spage">https://www.forwardhealth.wi.gov/WIPortal/content/provider/medicaid/pharmacy/apva/index.htm.spage</a>.
- Email Mercer at CODSurvey@mercer.com.
- Call the survey hotline at 844-294-9982, Monday through Friday between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. Central time.

Thank you for your participation.

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Sincerely,

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